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H. R. 3464

To prohibit the importation of gum arabic from Sudan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2007

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. BERMAN)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Ways and Means

A BILL

To prohibit the importation of gum arabic from Sudan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Importing Gum
5 Arabic from the Genocidal Government of Sudan Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The President imposed comprehensive sanc-
9 tions against Sudan on November 3, 1997, under
10 Executive Order No. 13067.

1 (2) Congress passed legislation to allow for an
2 exemption from sanctions against Sudan for the im-
3 portation of gum arabic from Sudan, under section
4 1464 of the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of
5 2000 (Public Law 106–476; 114 Stat. 2173–2174),
6 which was signed into law on November 9, 2000.

7 (3) Prior to the passage of section 1464 of the
8 Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000, the
9 United States gum arabic processing industry was
10 already working with the United States Agency for
11 International Development to develop alternative
12 sources of gum arabic in countries that were not
13 subject to United States sanctions.

14 (4) Section 1464(c) of the Tariff Suspension
15 and Trade Act of 2000 required the President to
16 utilize such authority as was available to the Presi-
17 dent to promote the development in countries other
18 than Sudan of alternative sources of the highest
19 grade of gum arabic of sufficient commercial quality
20 to be utilized in products intended for human con-
21 sumption.

22 (5) The United States gum arabic processing
23 industry and United States companies that purchase
24 gum arabic have had more than six years since the
25 passage of section 1464 of the Tariff Suspension

1 and Trade Act of 2000 to identify alternative
2 sources of gum arabic in countries that are not sub-
3 ject to United States sanctions.

4 (6) The Government of Sudan has been car-
5 rying out a campaign of genocide against the people
6 of the Darfur region of Sudan since 2003.

7 (7) More than 400,000 people have been killed
8 and more than 2,500,000 people have been displaced
9 in Darfur as a result of this ongoing genocide.

10 (8) In the 108th Congress, the House of Rep-
11 resentatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution
12 467 on July 22, 2004, by a unanimous vote of 422–
13 0, which declared that the atrocities unfolding in the
14 Darfur region of Sudan are genocide.

15 (9) On September 21, 2004, President George
16 W. Bush stated that the world is witnessing terrible
17 suffering and horrible crimes in the Darfur region of
18 Sudan, crimes the Government of the United States
19 has concluded are genocide.

20 (10) On May 29, 2007, President George W.
21 Bush affirmed that the Government of Sudan is
22 complicit in the bombing, murder, and rape of inno-
23 cent civilians in Darfur and again declared that
24 these actions rightfully constitute genocide.

1 (11) If the United States is serious about op-
2 posing genocide in Darfur, the United States must
3 enforce sanctions against Sudan that are com-
4 prehensive and without exemptions.

5 (12) The exemption from sanctions against
6 Sudan for the importation of gum arabic from
7 Sudan should be eliminated.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF GUM ARABIC**
9 **FROM SUDAN.**

10 (a) REPEAL.—Section 1464 of the Tariff Suspension
11 and Trade Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–476; 114 Stat.
12 2173–2174) is hereby repealed.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
14 in section 2 of such Act is amended by striking the item
15 relating to section 1464.

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